

## **Arizona eLearning Taskforce**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**Friday, August 10, 2007**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Arizona Department of Education**

**Conference Room 417**

#### **Members Present:**

DJ Harper – Representing Chris Cummiskey

Lisa Long – via Conference Phone

Theodore Kraver

Sandi Grandberry

Rod Lenniger

Casey Loman

Cathy Poplin, Chair

#### **Members Not Present:**

Jerry D'Agostino

Debra Lorenzen

Rosalina Escandon

Joseph O'Reilly

#### **Handouts:**

- Agenda for August 10, 2007
- June 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes
- Arizona State Senate Fact Sheet for H.B. 2790
- Compilation of RFI Responses for Middle School Math Pilot (In 4 parts)
- What Works Clearinghouse – Middle School Math
- Newest AZ Ed Tech Legislation
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Recommendations DRAFT
- Arizona State Legislature/GITA Policies, Standards, and Procedures
- Future Arizona eLearning Taskforce Dates
- Planning Model of one to one implementation of eLearning, a ten year projection – Theodore Kraver

**Welcome and Introductions – Remember that the meeting is recorded on tape and available for full review.**

Cathy Poplin called the meeting to official order at 10:10am. Quorum was determined. Cathy asked the ELTF members present to introduce themselves so Lisa Long, on telephone, would know who was present.

Cathy asked the ELTF members to review the meeting minutes from June 7th. ELTF members noted no changes. Theodore Kraver made a motion to accept the minutes, Rod Lenniger seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Sandi Grandberry updated the ELTF on computer classes being offered at Arizona State Legislature.

Theodore Kraver updated the ELTF on eSATS. Theodore provided everyone a handout on internet and connectivity costs. This is eSATS' ten year projection planning model for one to one implementation of eLearning. Theodore will clean up the planning model and release to Cathy Poplin to send electronically to all the ELTF members.

Cathy Poplin updated the ELTF on the NECC 2007 Conference that was held in June in Atlanta, GA. The conference focused on 21st century learning. Cathy left the conference with the sense that our children need to be able to collaborate globally, and have the opportunity to be creative and use their problem solving skills. Cathy also informed the ELTF that the 1:1 boot camp held July 10 & 11 by ADE was successful.

### **Review additions/changes to eLearning Taskforce from the 2007 Legislative Session**

Cathy referred the ELTF the *Arizona State Senate* handout. The handout includes background information on H.B. 2790 with the changes made to the eLearning Taskforce composition. The legislature added three new members:

- a) two persons who represent higher education and who are experts in education technology and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning
- b) one person who has a background in online or digital format formative assessment

Cathy asked the ELTF members for any recommendation for new members. Cathy was not sure if the legislature had specific people they would like to appoint; but she would like to have recommendations from the ELTF to offer. Theodore Kraver suggested Jim Middleton, professor at ASU. Jim headed the Governors' Education Taskforce and Digital curriculum. Hank Stabler recommended Roger Yohe who heads 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning at Estrella Mountain College. Ruth Catalano recommended Helen Padgett, Peggy George & Chris Johnson. Cathy suggested we get a representative from Northern Arizona. Gypsy M. Denzine from Northern Arizona University was recommended.

Cathy informed the ELTF that Javen Messner, Senate Staff, was aware of the changes made to the timelines for the Middle School Math Pilot and Javan wrote legislation that reflected the changes. The Senate accepted all the changes the ELTF recommended. The timeline posted on the eLearning Taskforce website is correct.

### **Update on eLearning Pilot Project PIJ – Hank Stabler**

A current copy of the PIJ was emailed to all the ELTF members. A few ELTF members sent Hank questions. Hank worked with Steve Holzinger, ADE IT, to answer the questions and Frank Summers helped move the PIJ through the final process. A few changes had to be made to the budget section of the PIJ; Frank and Steve assisted with them. Next ITAC meeting is August 22, 2007 at the Department of Administration, Suite 300 at 1pm. Cathy informed the ELTF that she will be out of town on August 22nd and asked any ELTF members interested to help represent the ELTF along with Hank Stabler. DJ Harper recommended to have less than six members present so as not to have a quorum at a public meeting.

### **Report on clarification received from the Attorney General's Office – Cathy Poplin**

Cathy gave an update on the discussion of the RFP during ELTF meetings. Kim Anderson advised that the ELTF has not violated any laws regarding procurement and the open meeting

rule. The only thing the ELTF cannot discuss in an open meeting will be the specific offers from vendors; the discussion of the offers will need to take place in executive session. Kim stated that two or more ELTF members together constitute an open meeting and that the open meeting laws apply. However, the discussion of the individual proposals will have to be made in an executive session. Kim will advise Cathy on how to write the agenda and how to proceed at that time.

### **Discuss next steps in the RFP design for the Middle School Math Pilot Project**

Hank Stabler invited the ELTF to review the last version of the RFP and to highlight any issues or areas the ELTF may need to review. Ruth Catalano said reviewing other RFPs can help expedite the process. Hank obtained an RFP from Henrico County and one for Georgia's online curriculum for middle school math. These RFPs can guide what the ELTF is doing. Rod Lenniger agreed that looking at these two RFPs will help develop and fine tune the ELTF RFP. Cathy will post both of these items to the IDEAL collaborative website.

Cathy informed the ELTF that before the RFP can be finalized it will need to be approved by the JLBC, Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The JLBC has a member that serves on ITAC.

Cathy Poplin will contact Richard Adickes in regards to the ELTF RFP timeline. Richard Adickes advised in the last ELTF meeting to allow a minimum of 14 days for the RFP to be advertised and then proceed toward holding a bidders' conference.

Cathy mentioned that WestEd's Southwest Comprehensive Center may be contracted as the third party for program evaluation.

### **Review of the new Instructional Technology Pilot from 2007 Legislative Session**

Cathy brought to the attention of the ELTF the newest AZ Ed Tech Legislation. The Arizona State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education, shall establish an instructional technology systems pilot program. The budget for this pilot program is \$1,000,000. The Department of Education shall select one school that provides instruction in any combination of kindergarten programs and grades one through eight. Cathy asked for input &/or recommendations for the implementation of this from the ELTF.

Cathy also gave a brief overview of the most current *What Works Clearinghouse* handout. The handout summarizes the second wave of intervention reports produced in 2006-07 on Middle School Math. There are only two programs that really showed improvement: Saxon Middle School Math and I Can Learn. Lisa Long commented that these are the only two that have gone through the "gold standard." Hank noted that written into our RFP is the requirement for vendors to provide evidence that their program has been proven effective and is based on sound research.

### **Review 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Recommendations (School Facility Board)**

Cathy shared with the ELTF the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools recommendations draft. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools is asking for feedback from a broad section of their stakeholders. The recommendations will be sent to the governor's office by October 1, 2007. The recommendations will apply to new schools being built. Once the recommendations have been finalized, retrofitting existing

schools will need to be studied closely. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools recommendation draft will become a lengthy report. Cathy asked the ELTF for input and if they would participate in the ADE survey being developed.

### **Arizona State Legislature**

The ELTF discussed the GITA Standards (SB1512/ARS 15-1044). Districts want to know if they will be penalized if they do not adopt the GITA Standards. DJ Harper advised the ELTF how he answers districts' questions regarding the GITA Standards. DJ informs districts that he is not a lawyer, he is not a representative of the state legislature and can not speak to the intent of the law. The law does not require them to adopt the standards it only requires that they review and vote whether or not to adopt the GITA Standards. Some of the GITA Standards conflict with standards that they are required to adopt from ADE and E-Rate. Some districts are not adopting the standards but are asking their governing boards to review the GITA Standards and make sure they have an equivalent standard in place.

Rod Lenniger suggested that maybe ADE should adopt the GITA Standards on a state level; and continue to let the LEAs review the standards and follow the ADE and E-rate standards. Cathy suggested ADE put out a clarifying document on the ADE website. DJ will review the clarifying document before it is posted.

### **Future ELTF Meeting Dates**

Cathy reviewed the list of future meeting date choices. Each taskforce member was asked to choose their preference and return them to Krystal Nesbitt. Next meeting will be September 14, 2007 at 10am to 12pm

### **Public Testimony**

ELTF received a request to speak from a member of the audience. Jeff Barnes with Trillion introduced himself. Also present was Penny Kotterman.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am